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SUBJ: P.K. TRIPATHI, MEMBER INDIAN LAW COMMISSION

REF: STATE 44474

1. DR PRADYUMNA KUMAR TRIPATHI IS ONE OF THE FOREMOST AUTHORITIES ON INDIAN CONSTITUTION LAW. TRIPATHI, 52, IS FROM THE CENTRAL INDIAN STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH. HE HAS A MASTER OF LAW DEGREE FROM DELHI UNIVERSITY AND A DOCTERATE OF LAW FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. ON RETURNING FROM THE UNITED STATES, HE TAUGHT AT DELHI UNIVERSITY. FROM 1961 TO 1965, HE HEADED THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AT ALLAHABAD UNIVERSITY. FROM 1965-1971, WHEN HE JOINED THE LAW COMMISSION, HE WAS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF LAW AND PROFESSOR OF LAW AT DELHI UNIVERSITY. HE HAS WRITTEN TWO BOOKS AND NUMEROUS ARTICLES ON INDIAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. HE HAS WORKED AS A VISITING PROFESSOR LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE (1963) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE (1971), AT THE LAW COMMISSION, HE AND OTHER SCHOLARS CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO STATUTE AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOI.

2. DR TRIPATHI IS RESPECTED IN INDIA. HE IS WELL- KNOWN TO CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARS IN THE UNITED STATES. IN ONE TELEVISION APPEARANCE IN NEW DELHI AND IN A SERIES OF RECENT ARTICLES IN THE CONGRESS
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PARTY-ALIGNED NATIONAL HERALD, HE FULLY SUPPORTED THE

EMERGENCY AND THE NEED FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES TO
LESSEN THE WRIT POWERS OF THE COURTS IN THE INTEREST
OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. THE EMBASSY HAS NO
OBJECTION TO TRIPATHI MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.
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